

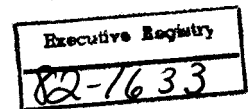
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18 June 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM : [REDACTED]
CRES, DDI

SUBJECT : Update: Soviet Intelligence System
(1978 Research Paper) [REDACTED]

1. Attached is the update you requested of the subject paper. It includes inputs from the DO's CI Staff and SE Division on the organizational aspects of Soviet intelligence, from NSA on Soviet SIGINT collection activities, and from OSWR's Space Systems Division on both communication and reconnaissance satellites used by the Soviet services. [REDACTED]

2. On balance, the thrust of Soviet intelligence operations has not changed significantly since 1978. Soviet intelligence remains well organized, well equipped, well connected at the top echelons of government, and is generally very effective in performing its missions. Perhaps the greatest change over the past few years has been our own level of understanding of the major role Soviet intelligence plays in the acquisition of Western technology. [REDACTED]

3. Your observation about the role of the CPSU as principal analyzer and collator of intelligence information is correct. The CPSU departments also have a role in terms of providing guidance to and levying requirements on Soviet intelligence, although they are not believed to provide day-to-day direction. [REDACTED]

4. I am providing the attachment to [REDACTED] for his background and use as he assembles the NSSD-2 study. [REDACTED]

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